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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

**I**t's a brand new year and a brand new century, but I do want to look back to December and tell you that our Christmas Party at the Holiday Inn was really quite nice. The food was delicious, the steaks were very tender. We had a good group of people and a fun time. I'm glad the date worked out for so many of us, but to me it just wasn't the same without starting the Season off with our party early in December. Perhaps next year. What do you think?

**T**his new millennium is so exciting, at least the millennium celebration, if you're a purist. How fun to be living through such special times. I hope anyway. As I write this, the computers have not yet turned over to 2000, or 1900 as the case may be. A friend of a friend received a CD notice from her bank that was dated 1900. Since you have received this newsletter most things must be working okay. But I read that February 29, Leap Year could be a problem too. And do your checks still say 19\_\_?

During this last hour, on New Years Eve, I have been hearing multiple aircraft engines overhead. Of course, I had to see what was happening. There were five aircraft flying over in formation. As they arrived over San Pedro they all put out streams of smoke. They did it twice, then wrote YK2000 in the sky. Then they came by towing banners. I am listening for them to show up again, and again wishing us a happy 2000. Such fun!

So Happy New Century, Happy Millennium to all, may you have a wonderful New Year and we hope to see you at lots of VAA meetings and social activities, and of course Wings 'N Wheels 2000.

## LOCKHEED TEST PILOT TO SPEAK AT JANUARY MEETING

**I** have finally been able to get Tom Morganfeld as our speaker at the General Meeting this month.

Tom is a graduate of the US Naval Academy and flew as a Naval Aviator until his retirement. He is now a test pilot for Lockheed and has flown a good many of the newer fighters including the YF-22.

He is most interesting and personable and I

know you will enjoy meeting him. By the way, he owns a Mooney (we won't hold that against him though).

**Please plan to attend the meeting at Glendale Community College on January 21, at 7:30.**

## HAWTHORNE AIR FAIRE

**W**hear that the Hawthorne Air Faire will be held again this year. This is the Air Faire that Leo Gay organized, and it was always so very special. We will let you know more when I have details. (Connie Clark)

## WINGS 'N WHEELS

**T**he dates for Wings 'N Wheels is July 14, 15, and 16. Mark these days on your calendar now.

## FROM THE EDITOR

**A**s Connie said, the Christmas Party was great, sorry more of you didn't make it.

The dues are due for most of you now. Look at the label on this letter. Remember, \$10.00 per couple per year.

Also, look at the calendar in this issue, it lists all of the general meetings and the social events that we know of at this time.

Once again I send out my plea for things to put in the letter, articles, stories, pictures, what ever. Help me out so the letter will be informative and enjoyed by all.

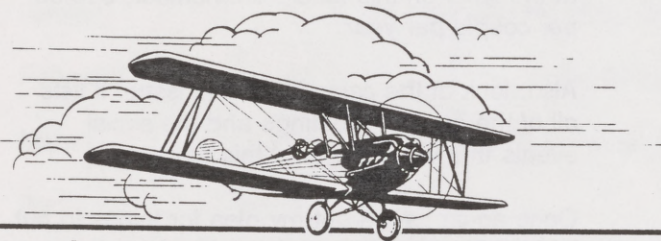
## ELKS CLUB BUFFET PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY

**T**he famous Elks Club Buffet is scheduled for February 27, at 5:30. Please block this date out now as this is one event you surely don't want to miss. There will be more in the next newsletter.

"You can always tell when you land with the wheels up - the propeller keeps getting shorter"  
Paul Harvey



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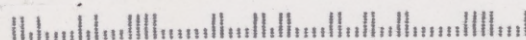


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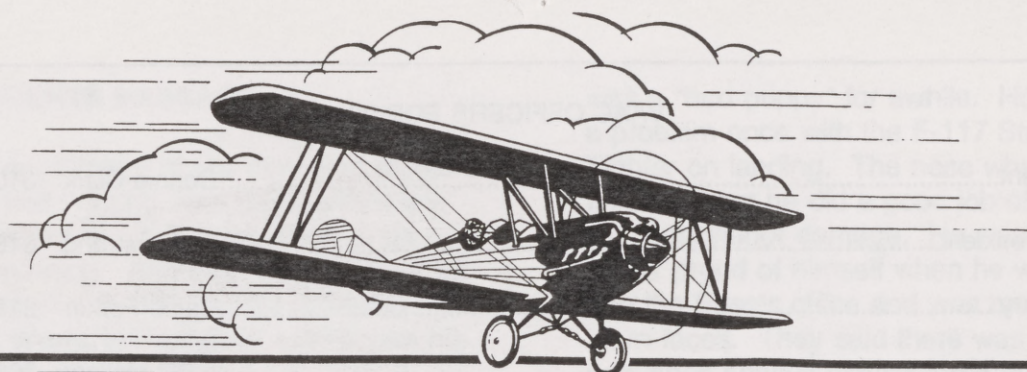
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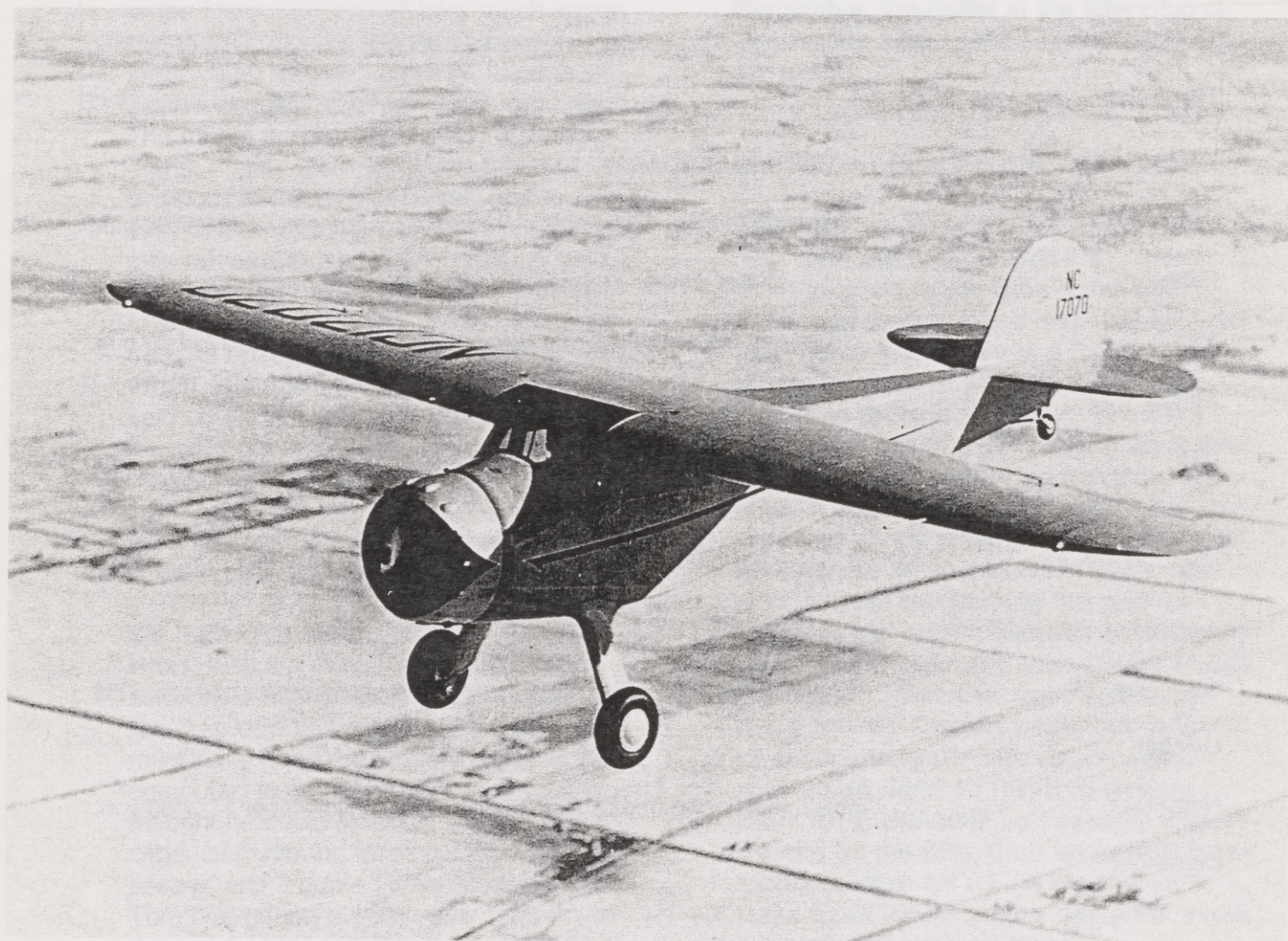
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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

**A** good many of our members realized that hearing Tom Morganfeld talk about the X-35 was going to be a great meeting. And they were right! Tom is a test pilot for the Lockheed-Martin Skunk Works in Palmdale, who began his career as a Navy Pilot.

Tom had color projections to help explain the X-35 to us — all three versions of it. From the basic design, they are creating a STOL (A), a STOVL (B), and a CV (C). Beyond telling you that the A model stands for the Air Force, the B model stands for beaches as in Marines on the Beaches, and the C model of course for Carriers, as in the Navy, this was all very much above my head — but the fellows enjoyed it immensely. So did I actually, I just can't explain any of it. You just had to be there. The model explanations were, of course, Toms. It was quite fascinating to understand the Harrier better, and to see the planned difference in the STOVL (short take off-vertical landing). The X-35 will be able to go into straight jet aircraft mode after take-off, unlike the Harrier which still uses its nozzles in straight and level flight. When asked when the C-35 will fly, Tom said an aircraft is like good wine — when its ready, its ready. But it should fly before the end of the year.

As a test pilot, Tom told us that he felt quite secure in the aircraft he flew, but he did tell us about one accident. He crashed the F-22 on landing. Something went wrong with the thing that is supposed to control the aircraft on landing (how do you like that for a technical description?) It must have been the landing mode of the computer, or some such thing, but Tom thought he could save the aircraft and continued with the landing. He couldn't save it, and it burned after a hard landing. Tom had gotten out with only "soft tissue damage" as he called it, then admitted it included a bruised kidney. He did admit he

was a "hurt puppy" for awhile. He also had a problem once with the F-117 Stealth Fighter on landing. The nose wheel had fallen off, but he did a good job of landing it with very minor damage. He was feeling rather proud of himself when he was called into the Boss's office and was met by very stern faces. They said there was a grievance against him from the maintenance shop. He was in trouble for "illegal grinding on a nose wheel", as everyone laughed and congratulated him on a good landing.

We enjoyed Tom so very much we have invited him to return after he has flown the X-35. That should be a terrific meeting.

Remember, the Buffet at the Elks Club on Sunday the 27th. This is always such a fun event.

## BUFFET AT SAN PEDRO ELKS CLUB

**T**he date is Sunday, February 27th, and the time is 5:30 PM. The location is the San Pedro Elks Club, and the enclosed map will help get you there. We will have a Buffet Dinner, music from a live band and dancing. And then there is the view. The Elks Club is on top of a hill looking back over LA, and if the weather cooperates, the view is absolutely outstanding. It is the cold and windy weather that makes it all so clear, so wear a warm coat for the walk in from the parking lot, and for standing out on the balcony admiring the view. The dinner this year will be \$16.00 per person. You can pay Bill Mallory upon arrival. Checks made out to VAA or exact change will be appreciated. And we do need an RSVP to Connie Clark (310) 835-2562 by February 21st so we can let the Elks Club know how many tables to save for us. A big thanks to Dave Bean for arranging this great event for and we'll see you there.



## IS A MODEL B LIMP A BLIMP?

I heard this on a talk show when the host asked what the difference was between a Blimp, a Dirigible, and a Zeppelin. A caller stated that the names came when they were developing these airships. One they called a Limp, for a bag filled with air. There was a Model A Limp, a Model B Limp, a Model C Limp and a Model D Limp. Which became known as the Blimp. The other they called a Rigidible, as it has a rigid framework. Again, the Model a Rigidible, Model B Rigidible etc., which became known as the Dirigible. The caller swore that this was all true, but I thought it was fun anyway. And of course the Zeppelin was named after Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin, and is a "Rigidible". So what's the truth of the matter, John Underwood.

Talking to a Tiger Moth pilot recently, I mentioned the Paul Harvey quote about knowing you have landed with your wheels up because your propeller keeps getting shorter and shorter, and he said "yes, and it takes more power to taxi". We were at Hawthorne Airport at the time, and there was a Stearman doing touch and go's, and as we discussed the Stearman, I remembered hearing the story of two fellows landing a Stearman when it almost ground-looped. The pilot called to the passenger and said "we almost lost it there", and they lost it. They said you can never be sure of a Stearman until it's tied down. As we walked outside to look over the Stearman, we were happily surprised to find that Ed knew the fellow who is thinking of buying it. If he does buy it, I'll be talking to him about Wings 'N Wheels. (Connie Clark)

## IN MEMORIUM

This is not for a Club member, and perhaps not many of you knew her. But she is Jeannette Pell, wife of Austin Pell of Solvang who does so much

work for Wings 'N Wheels. And of course while Austin gets all the credit, we all know that Jeannette did a lot of work for the event as well.

We are so sorry to tell you that Jeannette died November 21, 1999, on her way home from a motor home outing. She had told Austin that she didn't feel well, and he said she should stay in bed and he would drive her home. At one point, Jeannette called out that she just felt awful, and by the time Austin could get off the freeway she had passed on. Although she had no previous problems with her heart, that is what took her. Austin and Jeannette had been married for 16 years, and she was as active in organizations as Austin is, many of them along with him. We will miss her at Wings 'N Wheels this year, and all she did for this event. (Connie Clark)

## FROM THE EDITOR

The January meeting was a most interesting one, with Tom Morganfeld telling us about the X-35. He is one of the resident "good guys" here in Camarillo. The last issue of Aviation Week has a picture of the first X-35 after its initial engine installation.

I receive a magazine monthly from England, called Aeroplane. I have had issues at the meetings in the past, and those that have seen it will appreciate the fact that it has some of the best in pictures. Many of the articles and pictures are of US aircraft. Register Review is a section that I enjoy reading, it lists all of additions to the British Aircraft Registry on a monthly basis. Ed, since you are the Tiger Moth expert, I thought you would be interested in the following. Tiger Moth G-BYTN, previously 7014M and N6720 was registered in January. One of a batch of 400 delivered to the RAF between November 1938 and July 1939. It served with various units including No. 4 Coastal Patrol before it was



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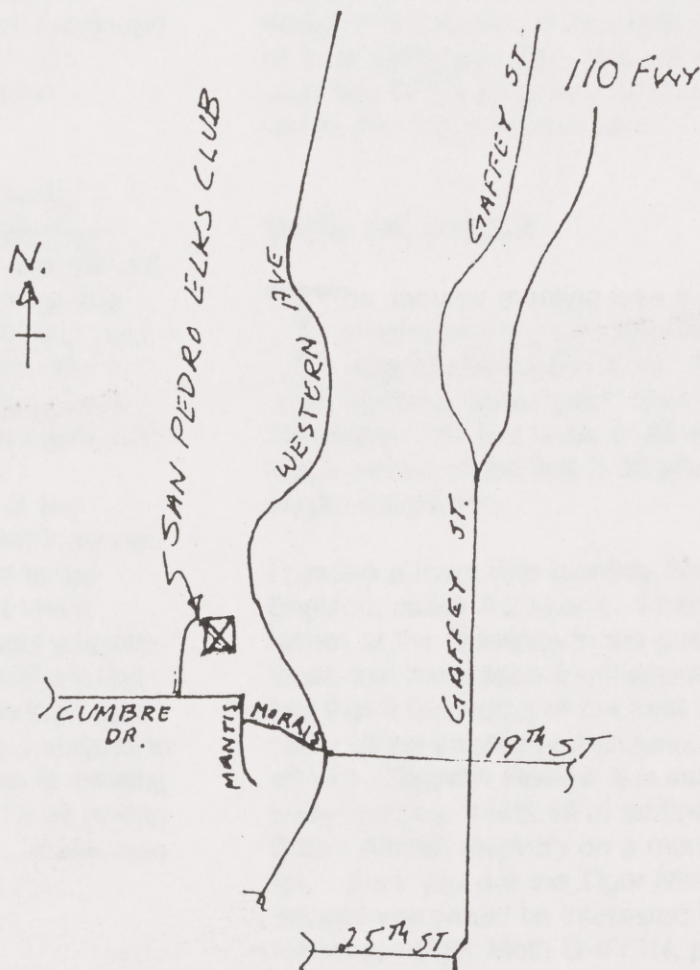
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In the February issue of Aeroplane is a picture and article about the Aeronca LC that member Marc Herman restored. The picture shows it in flight near Shadow Hills. This is the only LC flyable and several exist in museums including one at the EAA Air Venture Museum, Oskosh. I have included the picture.

Well now, lets get down to VAA matters. If your dues are due, please send them in. Remember, \$10.00 per year for a couple. Think of all that is available to you for a mere ten dollars.

Also, we need to work on getting new members. Our membership at the end of the last century was 122. We all need to work on getting more members.

We need for all members to suggest speakers for our general meetings. If you know of someone that might be a presenter, notify either Connie Clark, Jimmy Green, or me and we will take it from there. In fact, if any members would like to make a presentation, that would be welcome.

I want to thank everyone who has helped me in the past by submitting articles, locating speakers, and giving suggestions. Please keep it up.

I am once again getting the roster updated. It should be ready by the end of March. If you want one, send me a SASE. Also, if you want your E Mail address

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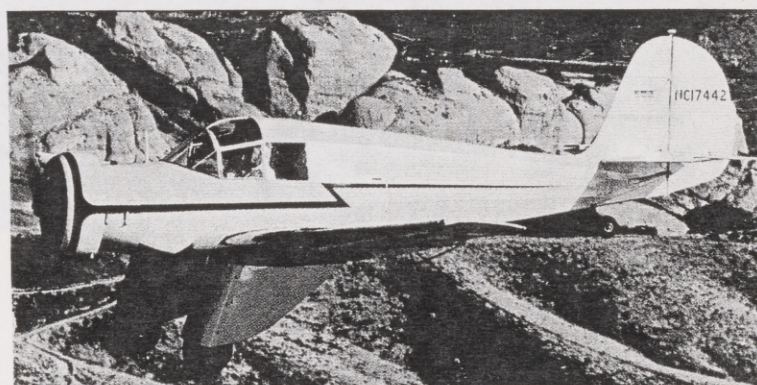
Our next meeting will be a general one at Glendale Community College on March 17. At this time we do not have a speaker but rest assured we will have someone interesting.

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Notice the calendar of events for the year is not complete. Connie Clark has promised that the information to fill in the blank spaces will be ready by the next publication.

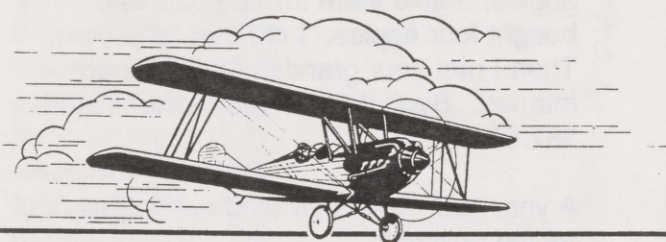
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A year later her father died and left us four million dollars."





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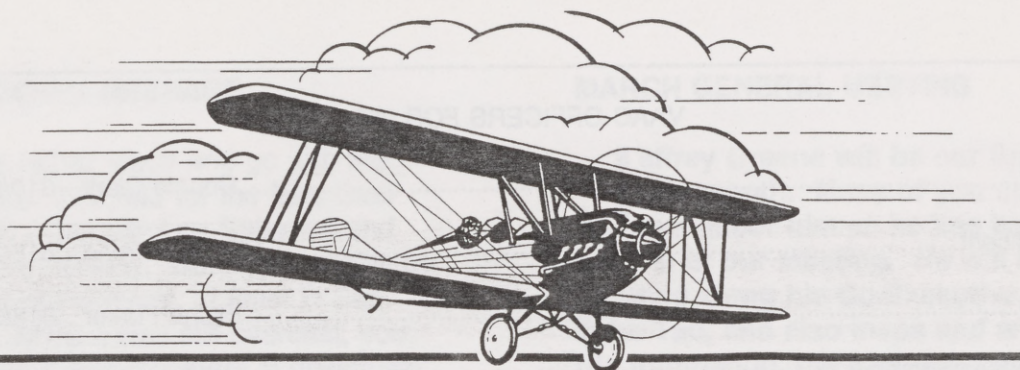
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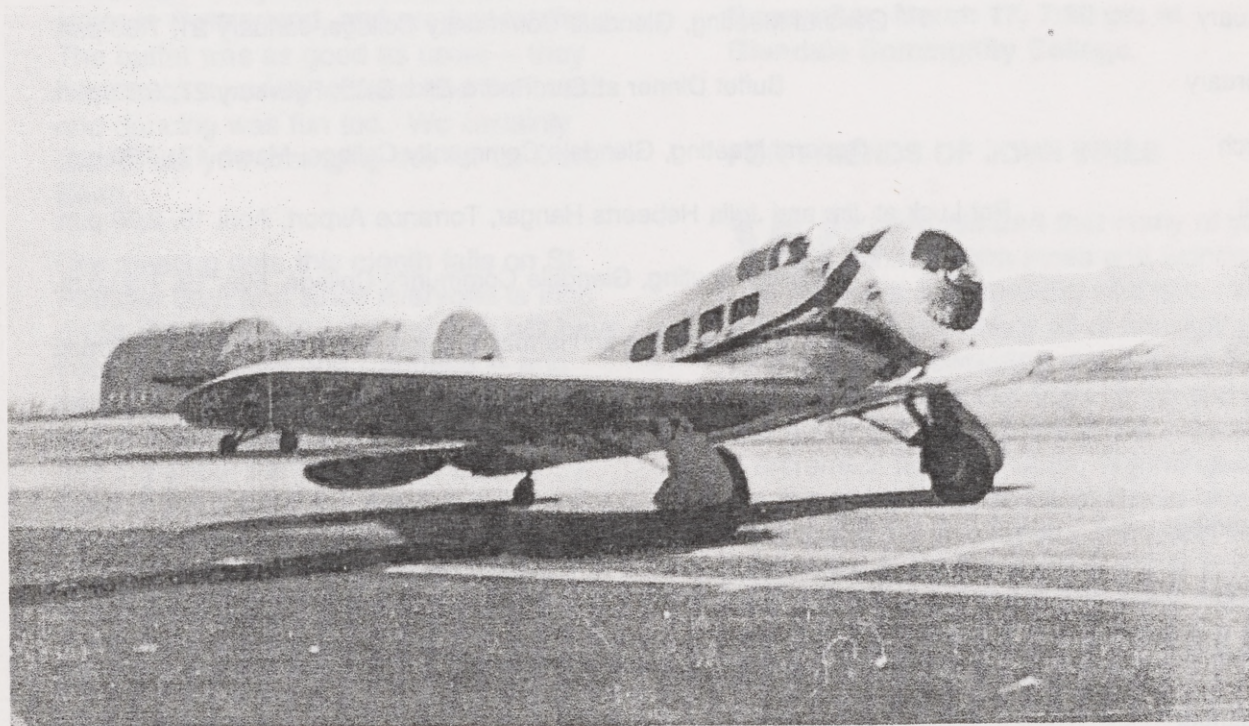
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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

**I**t was rather touch and go with the weather this year for the Elks Club Buffet — beautiful on Saturday and raining on Sunday. But it quit raining by the time of the event, at least in San Pedro. While it was still overcast, you could see the skyscrapers in downtown L.A. shining in what sunshine there was. Of course, the night lights were as sparkling and beautiful as ever. We had a good turn-out, and I'm sure everyone had a good time, except perhaps Hubby Ed Clark, who had two glasses of wine spilled on him. The waiter offered to take his shirt and sports coat to dry them out for him, but could you just imagine him sitting there in dress slacks and tie? Was that you, Ursula, who came up with that very funny mind picture? And speaking of Ursula and John Crittenden, they were sporting brand new hand knit two-tone green "Spinach" Sweaters, with the letters "Spinach" in gold, of course. They were knit by Ursula's sister in Switzerland, and are just terrific. The buffet was as good as usual — they have such a variety of food and the band and dancing was fun too. We certainly appreciate you arranging this for us Dave Bean.

Our meeting date this month falls on St. Patricks Day, and since everyone is Irish on St. Patricks Day, we hope you will have your Corned Beef and Cabbage — and green beer — early enough to still come to this special meeting. You will enjoy hearing about the project that Jeffrey Greene is involved in. And for the occasion, a Happy St. Patricks Day to one and all. In the words of an old Irish blessing: May you never forget what is worth remembering, or remember what is best forgotten.

## MARCH GENERAL MEETING

**J**effrey Greene will be our Speaker this month. Many of you may remember him as he has been to several of our meeting. He will be bringing along his Co-Executive Director, John Tao, and also maps and art work. His foundation, the Sino-American Aviation Heritage Foundation has been formed to recover a P-40 Tomahawk of the "Flying Tigers" from lake Deanchi in Kunming, China. Jeff will be telling us about how all this will be accomplished. This is a venture organized by military veterans of both countries and not a Government project.

Our own Ron Millman is the Treasurer for this Foundation. You won't want to miss this very interesting meeting — and find out about next year's project of raising a Doolittle Raider aircraft from the ocean.

Remember, March 17, 7:30 pm at  
Glendale Community College.

## FOR FRIENDS OF JOHN INNES

**W**e have realized that many of you think of John Innes and wonder what is happening with him. You know he has lost nearly all of his sight due to Macular Degeneration, but now he has had a growth removed from his lip and he can no longer play his trombone. He is in a retirement home in Cody, Wyoming, and we thought his friends might like to give him a call once in a while. John said he would love to hear from you. He is at the Bee Hive Home at (307) 527-7355. Just ask for John, and you should probably call him after 11 A.M. Mountain Time.

And speaking of John Innes, his beautiful green Porterfield, "Spinach" is back in California again and now belongs to Ursula



and John Crittenden. The engine has just been rebuilt and we are hoping that we will see "Spinach" again at Wings 'N Wheels.

(Connie Clark)

### EAA FLY-IN AT SANTA YNEZ

**T**he Santa Ynez Valley EAA Chapter is planning a Spring Fly-In on April 7 and 8. This is a first for this Chapter, but they are expecting a large turn-out. This is also the Chapter that cooks our Saturday evening BBQ and Sunday Breakfast at Wings 'N Wheels. They will have judging and awards for the best Experimental, Antique, Classic, and Ultra Light aircraft. Friday night will feature a free spaghetti feed. There will be a breakfast and BBQ lunch on Saturday, with an awards ceremony and raffle after lunch. All this and free camping and Porta Showers and of course Porta Potties too. For more information call (805) 688-8390 or check on the web at [www.syv.com](http://www.syv.com). And we all know about all the other attractions in nearby Solvang. (Connie Clark)

### QUESTION????

**I**wonder if I was having a very nice dream. It seemed so real. I thought someone had offered to have a Pot Luck for our Club in April. We already had a possible location which didn't work out, and I do remember telling them that if it didn't work out, their offer was just wonderful. And now I can't remember who it was. Is there really someone out there, or was it a very nice dream? Call me if it was you, at (310) 835-2562. At this point in time we have had to plan our April Pot Luck already, but there is always another time. I should have asked last month, right?

(Connie Clark)

### LOS ALAMITOS ARMY AIRFIELD

**O**n Saturday, February 26th, the Los Alamitos Army Airfield held a 5K and 10K run on the airfield. Ed and Connie Clark were invited to put their Sea Bee on display and therefore were there to watch all the excitement. There were runners of every age, kids to Senior Citizens, and since it was a Certified run, (not sure of the proper word) new records could be set. There must have been almost 20 Olympic runners there, previous and present. It was fun to watch the runners going out and around the runways. They stated it was kind of boring, but at least it was flat. And there was a truck and helicopter at each marker. The General was so pleased that he wants to do it again next year. So with more notice, we will let you know the details, as they wanted more aircraft on display. And yes, they had gas. The cute gal trying to help fuel our airplane said they never had gas before and she wasn't too sure about that fuel truck. She fuels with Jet fuel and Diesel. It was wonderful meeting all those young men and women who are serving our country.

(Connie Clark)

### BADGES

**W**e have a new company to make our Badges, and this time magnetic badges will be available. These may of more interest to us Gals so we won't be poking holes in our fragile fabrics, but the fellows might like them too. The standard badge is now \$5.50, however this doesn't cover mailing. I will need to check out that cost. But for now, I will pick them up and bring them to the meeting, or social activity, if you will let me know you want one. The magnetic badges will cost \$7.50 and they look very nice, very secure. The company doing the badges is Blue Engravers in San Pedro, at (310) 835-2562, but again, if you will order them through me, I will deliver them to the



meeting. Connie Clark (310) 835-2562.

### FROM THE EDITOR

**A**s Connie has said, we had a good turn-out at the Elks Club Buffet. I think the final count was 40. Maybe next year we can have even more. I also want to thank Dave Bean for setting this up.

Keep up the good work in sending in your dues. Most of you have already sent them in but if you are lagging -----.

If you look at the Calendar of Events page you will see that we have filled in some more of the blank spaces. The latest is the Annual Weenie Roast at Santa Paula Airport in October. Pat Quinn was kind enough to call this in to me just the other day.

Ron Kramer gave Connie Clark a copy of a picture that appeared in the L.A. Times, July 18, 1971. It shows Ron and Leo Gay and his Gypsy Moth. Ron is getting into the airplane, and Leo is standing watching him. Ron, if you could get us an original copy of this photo I would love to put it in the letter. This copy will not duplicate well enough.

Member Doug Cooke sent me copies of three pictures he took years ago. I am putting one on the cover. This one is of a Lockheed Orion that has just landed at Grand Central, on its usual Varney Airline run to San Diego. Visible in the background is the old dirigible hangar. I hope it will print well. I have no way of knowing until I pick up the letter from the printers. Thanks Doug, I will include your other pictures in another issue.

Please keep the pictures etc. coming. I really appreciate and need them.

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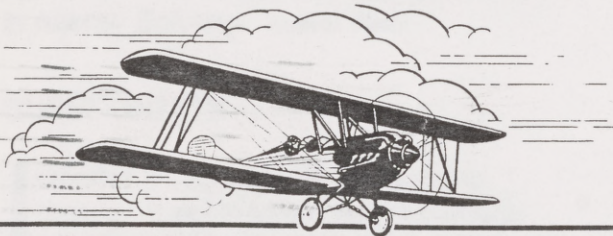
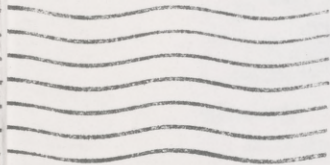
Morganfeld talked about the X-35 you remember him showing the hover fan system. Well, in this weeks issue of Flight International there is an article about the failure of the fan shaft bearing in a test cell run. It had 67 hours of operation and is not considered to be a big problem. They still plan on flying it in the third quarter of this year.

### COMING EVENT

**O**ur April Pot Luck will be held at Jim and Julia Hebert's Hangar at Torrance Airport. The date is Sunday the 16th at 2:00 p.m. This should be early enough for you to fly in if you wish, plus we will be into Day Light Savings Time, for even more daylight. Mark your calendars now.



GENERAL MEETING  
GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
MARCH 17, 7:30PM



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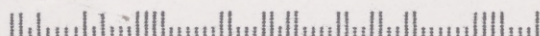
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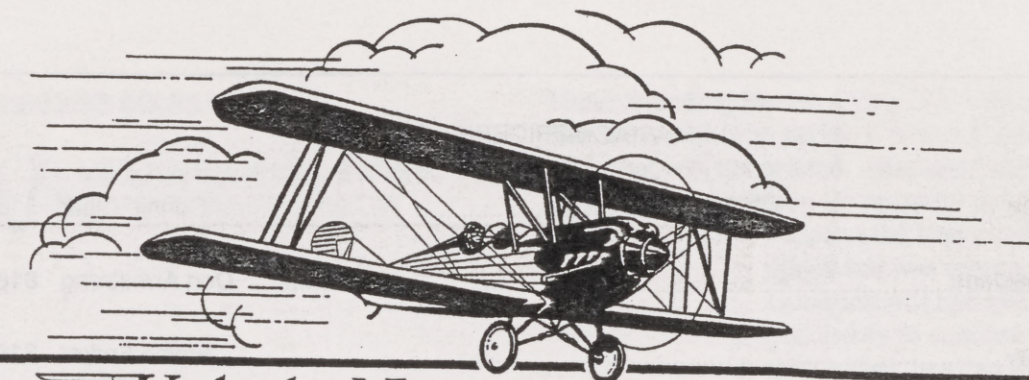


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## 2000 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January	General Meeting, Glendale Community College, January 21, 7:30 p.m.
February	Buffet Dinner at San Pedro Elks Club, February 27, 5:30 p.m.
March	General Meeting, Glendale Community College, March 17, 7:30 p.m.
April	Pot Luck at Jim and Julia Heberts Hangar, Torrance Airport, April 16, 2:00 p.m.
May	General Meeting, Glendale Community College, May 19, 7:30 p.m.
June	Pot Luck, Marc and Royan Herman's, June 25th, 4:00 p.m.
July	Wings & Wheels, Santa Ynez, July 14, 15, and 16
August	Pot Luck, Ceci Stratfords, August 6, 4:00 p.m.
September	General Meeting, Glendale, Community College, September 15, 7:30
<b>October</b>	<b>Pot Luck at Gabrielle Bresnik's, October 8, 4:30 p.m.</b>
November	General Meeting, Glendale Community College, November 17, 7:30 p.m.
December	Christmas Party, December 16



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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

**W**e had a surprise at our meeting in September when we found an aviation class being held in our meeting room. Fortunately they only needed half of the room and we took the back half, behind the closed accordion curtains. When the class was over one of the students came around to see what was going on back there—and joined us for the rest of our meeting. He will be going to Embry-Riddle in January. So nice to meet an enthusiastic future Airline Captain.

Don Armstrong arranged for our speaker, Fred Goodrich, who flew a B-25 Bomber in WWII. Don also brought a Video of the B-25's that took part in the re-creation of the Doolittle raid and we watched the aircraft being lifted aboard and taking off from the Aircraft Carrier "Ranger", Fred then told us about his B-25 experiences. He already had his private license before joining the Air Corps, but he said the B-25 sure wasn't anything like he was used to. One of his first assignments was as an instructor where he trained WASPS in B-26's for towing targets for target practice. He then went overseas, and was in a very unique squadron, as they only did low level bombing and strafing, flying at 12 to 13 hundred feet to the target area. Then they would drop a bomb at very low levels over the ocean to have it skip along and sink ships. The Bomber had to turn very quickly as the bomb could skip back up and hit the aircraft.

Eventually P-51's from the 5<sup>th</sup> Air Force flew protection for Fred's Squadron. He said these guys were crazy—they did runs on the bombers, did aerobatics and were generally fooling around, but when the enemy showed up they were all business. At one time, they flew day and night to protect a downed crew until they were rescued.

Fred didn't know until he returned home after 46 missions that articles had been sent

home regarding his war flying. He told us about the article on saving a downed crew and what was not printed. (See attached article). His Squadron Commander ordered them all to return to base as the leader hadn't "leaned out" his engines and was running low on fuel. Fred Goodrich still had lots of gas left and disobeyed orders to continue the search. Later, he got a verbal dressing down for not forming up. He has recently located the Pilot of the crew he found in the ocean, thanks to the Internet, and they plan to have a reunion soon.

Upon returning home, he was stationed at Boca Raton in Florida. Having previously been an instructor he had to teach on his days off while his buddies went to the beach.

We certainly enjoyed hearing from Fred and we thank Don Armstrong for arranging for him to speak to us.

Don't miss the Pot Luck at Gabrielle Bresnik's on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. See you there.

## OCTOBER SOCIAL EVENT

**O**ur October Pot Luck comes early in the month. We hope all of you have this special event on your calendar already, because you won't want to miss it.

The date is Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM. The place is Gabrielle Bresnik's home at 16843 Sunset Blvd., Pacific Palisades. If you have been there before you know about her very nice patio and the special treat of seeing a classic movie in her "movie theater living room". The movie she will be showing is "Cover Girl" with Rita Hayworth and Gene Kelly. Gabrielle would prefer that you just bring what you would like without the necessity of giving her a call. Just not all appetizers and desserts!



## CONDOLENCES

**W**e all extend our heartfelt sympathy to Sid Cherniss in the loss of his brother. Sid, know that we all share in your loss.

*Learn from the mistakes of others.  
You won't live long enough to make  
all of them yourself.*

## HISTORIAN

**K**ee in mind that we need someone to volunteer for Historian. It is better if you are usually at the functions but you can always ask someone to take pictures for you to keep the album up to date. (Connie Clark)

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

**S**omeone recently said that after Labor Day, Christmas is just around the corner. It's not quite that bad, but it's not too early to put the date for our Christmas Party on your calendar. It will be at Genio's in Burbank, on Saturday evening, December 16. (Connie Clark)

## WINGS 'N WHEELS

**T**he date for Wings 'N Wheels 2001 will be July 13, 14, and 15. Mark it on your calendars.

## CECI'S CELEBRATION FOR "TWENTY FIVE YEARS OF FLYING"

**P**lease take notice of the enclosed flyer. Put this date on your calendar and let's all turn out to help our own celebrate this memorable occasion.

## FROM THE EDITOR

**S**orry I missed the September meeting. I understand and from what Connie has submitted, it was a good one.

I want to once again extend my thanks to Don Armstrong. He has been the one that has saved us several times, getting speakers at the last minute. Again, he did it, when my speaker could not make it for September, a quick phone call to Don got results. Thank you Don for all you do for us.

Speaking of speakers, last month I urged you to help with getting speakers. I am once again making the plea; if you know of someone, please let us know. We will do the work in contacting them.

It is our pleasure to welcome Fred Goodrich to our little group. Thank you Fred for speaking to us, and welcome aboard.

Connie has mentioned the Christmas Party date. I will mention the dues date since that is also just around the corner. With few exceptions, most members' dues are due in January. Remember to renew as soon as possible, and also, that the dues will be \$15.00 per year starting next year.

As a rule I don't like to include newspaper articles (by copying them). I prefer to retype the submission, as I feel it looks better. With this issue I am going to violate my own rule. Reason, the article is long, it has a photograph that I want to include, and it has some nostalgic value in the dates at the top of the article. Also, I want to thank Fred for sharing them with us.

## BADGE INFORMATION

**W**e will have information in the next issue on how to obtain a VAA badge. We know that some of you need them or want to replace them.



## Goodrich Saves Crew Of Bomber Dumped In Sea

HEADQUARTERS, 13th A.A.F., Philippines—Running low on gas, 13th A.A.F. pilots searching for the survivors of a water landing turned back to base, but one pilot decided to continue the search a few minutes longer.

That airman was First Lieutenant Frederick Goodrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Goodrich, 83 Hillside Avenue, and his persistence resulted in the saving of a crew.

Just as Flight Commander Goodrich was about to turn back he sighted a speck in the ocean, ten miles off the Southwest coast of Borneo, and going down he observed some men frantically waving and splashing in the water, without a life raft. The lieutenant dropped them his raft and some supplies, then radioed the position of the downed crew and asked that a rescue plane be sent immediately.

Flying with the Crusaders, crack 13th A.A.F. Medium Bombardment Group, Lieutenant Goodrich has completed 40 missions in the Pacific Theater. Targets from Sarong and Kendari to Tarakan and Balikpapan have been blasted by his hard-hitting B-25 Mitchell, which he named "Anne" in honor of his mother.

Covering an invasion is not easy. While Goodrich's plane was sending 1,000-pound bombs over Tarakan, an engine went out. To get a crippled plane out from under heavy Jap fire required great skill, but the lieutenant nursed his plane to an emergency landing at Sanga Sanga.

Providing ground support for our troops when they went into Cebu City, Lieutenant Goodrich swooped down low to wipe out machine gun positions just as a Jap land mine planted on the mountain side exploded, battering up his B-25, but he led his flight back to the base.

The Crusaders, veteran unit of the island-hopping Jungle Air Force, have hounded the Japs from Guadalcanal to Leyte, from New Guinea to the China Coast. As a member of this outfit, Lieutenant Goodrich has taken part in many of the major battles of the Pacific. He is now leading his flight in attacks on remaining Jap strongholds in the Netherlands Indies, as well as leading shipping sweeps across the South China Sea to cut Jap North-South shipping lanes along the coast.

A graduate of Davis High School, he enlisted in the A.A.F. in November, 1942, receiving his commission and wings at Lubbock, Tex. He holds the Air Medal and an Oak Leaf Cluster.

ST. VERNON, N. Y., SATURDAY, MAR.



FREDERICK GOODRICH

### Lt. Goodrich Wins Air Medal

Second Lieutenant Frederick Goodrich, twenty-year-old pilot of a B-25 Mitchell bomber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Goodrich of 83 Hillside Avenue, has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific from Dec. 8, 1944 to Jan. 19, 1945."

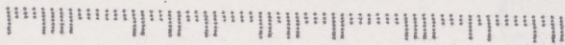
His commanding officer, Lieutenant General George C. Kenney, wrote Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich March 8 in a personal letter which they received Wednesday:

"I would like to tell you how genuinely proud I am to have men such as your son in my command. You have every reason to share that pride and gratification.

"Your son took part in sustained operational flight missions during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These flights included bombing missions against enemy installations, shipping and supply bases, and aided considerably in the recent successes in this theater."

The young pilot, a graduate of Davis High School, is with the 100th Bombing Squadron of General MacArthur's Medium Bomber Command. He has been overseas since September.





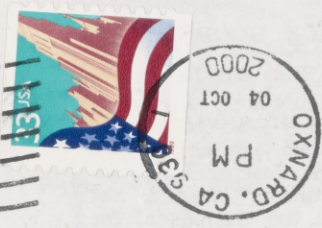
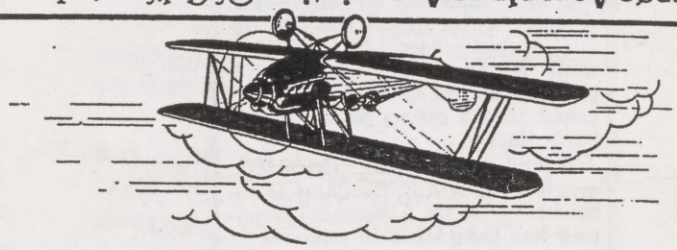
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